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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant's undersigned counsel notes the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached with the Notice of Allowability. The reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to some of the features in independent claim 1, and are not the only reasons that all of the claims are allowable.

With respect to independent claim 1, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest an electrically-operated dispenser for dispensing an adhesive, the electrically-operated dispenser comprising: a module body having an adhesive inlet; a nozzle coupled with the module body, said nozzle having an adhesive outlet and a valve seat between said adhesive inlet and said

adhesive outlet; an electromagnetic coil including a plurality of windings; an armature disposed in said module body, said armature including a valve element having an opened position allowing adhesive flow through an annular gap between said valve element and said valve seat to said adhesive outlet and a closed position in which said valve element contacts said valve seat for preventing adhesive flow to said adhesive outlet; and a generally U-shaped pole disposed in said module body, said pole having a fixed position relative to said module body, said pole having a first arm and a second arm extending with a generally parallel and spaced-apart relationship toward said armature, said plurality of windings being wrapped about substantially an entire length of said first arm and said second arm, and said plurality of windings of said electromagnetic coil being selectively energized for generating an electromagnetic field capable of moving said armature relative to said pole to move said valve element from said closed position to said opened position. Dependent claims 2-13 and 21 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 1. Accordingly, each of dependent claims 2-13 and 21 is believed to be patentable based upon at least the allowability of independent claim 1 and, furthermore, upon other features set forth in dependent claims 2-13 and 21 but not discussed herein.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of these comments, he is respectfully requested to provide further explanation on the record. Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,
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